



# State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee

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## Tentative Agenda (subject to change) October 29-30, 2009 -- Room 137, State Capitol

*Please note: All times are tentative. Some agenda items may take more or less time than scheduled*

### Thursday, October 29, 2009:

- 8:30 a.m. **Call to order; roll call** -- Senator Tropila, Presiding Officer  
**Approve written minutes from June 23rd and Oct. 1 meetings**  
**Overview of meeting agenda** -- Rachel Weiss, Research Analyst
- 8:35 a.m. **Agency oversight:** Office of the Commissioner of Political Practices  
→ Commissioner Dennis Unsworth  
→ Questions from Committee
- 8:50 a.m. **Presentation: Current and historical compensation of state employees**  
→ Paula Stoll, Administrator, State Human Resources Division, Department of Administration  
→ Questions from the Committee  
→ Public comment
- 9:25 a.m. **Presentation: Teacher compensation in Montana**  
→ Tom Bilodeau, MEA-MFT  
→ Questions from the Committee  
→ Public comment
- 9:45 a.m. **Presentation: Actuaries 101: What do actuaries do and how do they do it?**  
→ Steve McElhaney, FSA -- Cheiron, actuary for MPERA  
→ Questions from the Committee
- 10:45 a.m. **BREAK**
- 11:00 a.m. **Presentation: Actuarial valuation reports for the Public Employees' and Teachers' Retirement Systems**  
→ Steve McElhaney, Cherion  
→ Ed Macdonald, Cavanaugh Macdonald, actuary for TRS  
(11:45 p.m.) → Questions from the Committee  
→ Public comment

12:30 p.m.                    **LUNCH**

1:30 p.m.                    **Status report on investment of retirement systems' assets**  
                                  → Carroll South, Executive Director, Board of Investments  
                                  → Questions from the Committee  
                                  → Public comment

2:00 p.m.                    ***Presentation: Public employee retirement plans in the United States: past and present***  
                                  → Ron Snell, Director, State Services Division, National Conference of State Legislatures  
 (2:30 p.m.)                    → Questions from Committee

2:45 p.m.                    **BREAK**

3:00 p.m.                    ***Presentation: Variations and developments in public employee retirement plan design***  
                                  → Keith Brainard, Research Director, National Association of State Retirement Administrators (NASRA)  
 (3:30 p.m.)                    → Questions from the Committee

3:45 p.m.                    **Retirement systems' responses to market value of liabilities (MVL) discussion**  
                                  → David Senn, Teachers' Retirement System  
                                  → Roxanne Minnehan, Public Employees' Retirement System  
                                  → Questions from the Committee  
                                  → Public comment

4:00 p.m.                    **Public comment on any subject under the Committee's jurisdiction**

4:15 p.m.                    **Recess until 9:00 a.m. on Friday, October 30, 2009**

Friday, October 30, 2009:

9:00 a.m.                    **Reconvene -- Roll call -- Senator Tropila**

9:01 a.m.                    ***Agency oversight:*** Updates from the Secretary of State's Office  
                                  → Secretary of State Linda McCulloch  
                                  → Questions from the Committee

9:15 a.m.                    **Litigation reports -- David Niss, staff attorney**  
                                  → Questions from the Committee  
                                  → Public comment

- 9:25 a.m.                    **Principles and Guidelines for Public Employee Retirement Systems --**  
Rachel Weiss
- 9:35 a.m.                    **Committee discussion --** revision and potential adoption of  
guidelines  
→        Adopt, adopt with changes, request more information, or revisit at  
             later meeting with further revisions
- 9:45 a.m.                    **Update: Public Employee Retirement Board's October 8th meeting --**  
Roxanne Minnehan, Executive Director, MPERA
- 10:00 a.m.                   **Update/Review request for information (RFI) process/results --** Rachel  
Weiss and David Niss  
→        Questions from the Committee  
→        Public comment
- 10:45 a.m.                   **BREAK**
- 11 a.m.                      **Overview of HB 659 requirements --** Rachel Weiss
- 11:10 a.m.                   **Committee discussion --** Status of public employee retirement systems  
*Note: The chairman may call for a break or lunch at an appropriate time.*  
→        What, if anything, should be changed about the current retirement  
             systems, specifically TRS, as required by HB 659, and PERS,  
             GWPORS, and SRS?  
→        What goals does SAVA want to achieve with these changes?  
→        If something needs to be changed, can it be addressed within the  
             current design (a new tier) or is a new design needed?  
→        If a new design is in order, what broad "type" of plan does SAVA  
             want to use? DB, DC, hybrid.  
→        Are there models from other states upon which SAVA would like  
             to base a plan?  
→        If more information is needed, what specific questions do members  
             have?  
→        Does SAVA wish to issue an RFP to obtain plan design/actuarial  
             consulting services to assist it with further work on HB 659?
- TBD                          **Public comment on any subject under SAVA's jurisdiction**
- TBD                          **Other business:**  
→        Non-agency stakeholders' proposals to change retirement systems:  
             Confirm April 22-23, 2010, as meeting to review non-agency

proposals to change retirement systems; set deadline for submissions to staff (March 31, 2010); direct staff to notify non-agency stakeholders

- Agency proposals for 2011 legislation: confirm June 24-25, 2010 as meeting to review agency proposals for legislation; set deadline for submissions to staff (May 28th); direct staff to notify agencies.
- Member issues, including any follow up on agencies' written updates

TBD

**Instructions to staff** for further research and agenda for next meeting

TBD

**Adjourn**

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